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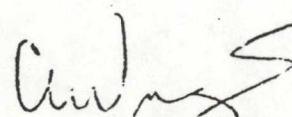
Sludge Disposal - Tacoma

This letter is written to outline for you my conversations with the City of Tacoma and the Department of Ecology concerning the analysis of the brine sludge we are currently sending to the City's refuse facility and the pond sludge we are seeking to dispose of at the same site.

Bill Larson, Manager of the Refuse Utility, was obviously uninterested in discussing the analysis of either of the sludges. He would only say that current regulatory activity puts the matter in a state of flux and that the Department of Ecology would need to be consulted. He referred me to Tom Cook, who handles wastes disposal matters for the DOE.

Mr. Cook was also unable to respond in an enlightened manner, as he is also plagued with the same regulatory uncertainty as Larson. I indicated to Cook that we wanted to obtain approval to haul the pond sludge to the City's refuse site before the rainy season. After I read off the analysis to him, he asked that I mail a copy which he would review to determine how it stacked up against current regulatory proposals. This I have done.

None of the details of the brine sludge analysis were verbally related to either Larson or Cook, nor am I intending currently to provide them with written information because neither appear to be interested at this time.



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